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BARRISTERS TAPPED TEN JUNIORS FOR MEMBERSHIP TUESDAY NIGHT IN THE TRADITIONAL CEREMONY. The new members of the senior honorary are Dean Berry, Larry Blades, Norm Carpenter, Pete Eld, Tom Kauper, George Kersten, Bob Paley, Frank Pollack, Kent Whittaker and Bob Wray. The tapped ten will select fifteen more members from their class next fall.

NINETEEN CLERKS HAVE BEEN SELECTED FOR THE SPRING SESSION OF THE CASE CLUBS. Juniors selected on the basis of their grade average and Case Club performance are Dave Benner, Larry Blades, John Bure, Barbara Burger, Jack Burton, Ward Chapman, Don Goldman, John Healy, George Kersten, John Little, Joel Simon, Herman Siqueland, Glenn Sperry, Erik Stapper, Bill Strong, Larry Tate, Bob Ward, Kent Whittaker and Bob Wray.

A FACULTY DISCUSSION ON THE SUBJECT OF "ADMISSIONS POLICY-PAST, PRESENT PROSPECTIVE" IN THE LAW CLUB LOUNGE, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, AT 6:30 is being sponsored by the Student-Faculty Liaison Committee of the S.B.A. A three man panel including Professor Harvey, formerly the Admissions Officer, and Professor Steinheimer, the present Admissions Officer, will give the lowdown on admission policies and practices at present and discuss some of the changes that are being suggested. After the discussion there will be an opportunity to ask questions.

THE ODD LOT INVESTMENT CLUB WILL MEET FRIDAY AT 4:00 IN ROOM 120 HUTCHINS HALL. Frank Pickard of Merrill Lynch etc., Detroit, will address the club on the subject of "Short Selling". Nonmembers are welcome to attend.

SPORTS AND FRATERNITY NEWS: The LAW CLUB hockey team captured the inter-mural championship by edging a strong South Quad team 3-2. Tom Crumpacker, Gordie Wilson and Dick McClear scored for the LAW CLUB. After the game the team announced that they had elected Dick McClear captain of next year's team.....The PHID basketball team remained undefeated by walloping Phi Delta Epsilon 43-12. The DELTS also preserved their perfect record by taking a forfeit victory over Alpha Kappa Kappa.....DELTA paddleball team will meet Delta Sigma Pi Wednesday night.....The PADS rolled into the semi-finals of the I-M bowling tournament.....The DELTS have a party scheduled for Saturday night which will be open to nonmembers. Refreshments will be provided at a nominal cost. A jazz party featuring Dick Tilkin and his All Stars is set for 4:00 Sunday. DELTS will be charged \$3.00 and nonmembers \$4.00. Refreshments will be provided at no extra cost.

CIRCUIT COURT DOCKET: Recount of a Saline election will occupy the docket Friday and Saturday of this week. Monday, general criminal matters will be heard. On Tuesday a defendant charged with conspiracy to obtain money by false pretences will be tried. Wednesday and Thursday, general civil matters will be heard.

FACULTY NOTES

(This is the first in what we hope will be a series of reports of interviews with various faculty members. Any suggestions regarding this series, including the one that we immediately include, will be welcomed.)

The Director of the Legislative Research Center, Professor William J. Pierce, is the antithesis of the notion that research of law school professors is nothing but garreting. The Center, unique among law schools, is currently engaged in a study of legal problems confronting metropolitan areas. The staff members, who are SJD candidates, are doing research on various phases of the problem, including annexation, the problem of city vs. state control, and inter-state metropolitan districts. Later, consultants from other disciplines will investigate the conclusions, and the final product will be a legislative manual which will include examples of successful laws and recommendations for handling the different problems. An earlier study culminated in a 600 page Water Resources Handbook plus a Model Water Use Act, but the dissimilarities of various metropolitan situations makes a Uniform Act in the urban government area unfeasible. The present study will take two years and cost \$60,000, which makes the Legislative Research Center the largest user of the Cook Fund income.

The Legislative Center is also unique among law schools because of its service in distributing all legislation affecting law courses to the concerned professors. Over 25,000 bills per year are received, and Professor Pierce says the cumulative effect will "change the tools of the trade." Already he is "willing to gamble" that 75% of the cases in state reporters and 90% in the federal reporters turn on written law.

Describing himself as a native "Michigander," Professor Pierce related his professional history: AB Michigan, and JD '49 Michigan; hired by the law school on graduation and given field experience in the legislation area; became Director of the Legislative Research Center in 1957; co-author with Dean Stason and Professor Estep of Atoms and the Law; chairman of AEC committee for the Commissioners of Uniform State Laws; teacher of courses in Creditors' Rights and various seminars.

The last hour of the interview was spent in a general swing through the usual teacher-student gripes. The complaint of lack of student effort; the counter that success in law courses bears little correlation to effort; the admission of this to a large extent, but the contention that no better measures of learning were possible.

Since President Hanna had recently stated he wanted a medical school for MSU, I asked Professor Pierce about the chance of an MSU law school. "Hanna will want a law school in five years," said Pierce, "and most Michigan professors would probably favor the idea." Michigan Law School has a present capacity of 1200 and even if the physical plant could be expanded, there is much faculty sentiment to hold the school size at present capacity. Professor Pierce felt that the private schools just could not expand enough and therefore a law school at Michigan State would alleviate much of the admissions pressure here.

AT THE FLICKS

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March 1.....MR. PENNYPACKER
STATE.....Dial 2-3136
Now showing....RALLY 'ROUND THE
FLAG, BOYS
March 1.....THE HANGING TREE

CAMPUS.....Dial 8-6416
Now showing.....DEMONIAC
February 27.....MY UNCLE
ARCHITECTURE (Cinema Guild)
Thurs. & Fri.... THE MEN
Sat. & Sun.....THE IDIOT

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